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Interview Summary

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Examiner
Anthony Blackman

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Anthony Blackman

(3) _____

(2) Christa Douthitt, Docket Clerk Of Carstens, Yee & Calh

(4) _____

Date of Interview Jun 6, 2002

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: No claims were discussed.

Identification of prior art discussed:

No prior art was discussed.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

USPTO mailed the Office Action 12/18/201. Applicant has not received the Office Action in the mail. Examiner spoke with Christa Douthitt, docket clerk of the attorney for Applicant. Ms. Douthitt stated that the Office Action was never received in the mail. Examiner explained that Applicant must provide proof that the application, 09/383,738, was never received in order for the case not to become abandoned, according to MPEP 711.03C. Therefore, a copy of the first Office Action, Paper Number 5, is enclosed with this Interview Summary.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE three MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Apr 23, 2001
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10-14, 16-23, 25-29, 31, and 32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 9, 15, 24, and 30 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 3 20) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 10, 16, 25, 31, and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by KERR et al US Patent No. 5,227,771.

3. Consider claims 1-3, 10-12, 16-18, 20, 25-27, 31, and 32. KERR et al disclose displaying a graphical widget/icon that may incrementally change the display on a display device within the data processing system (abstract, lines 1-13 and figure 12), wherein the graphical widget is displayed using a first size (abstract, lines 1-3); and responsive to receiving a selected user input (figure 6, element 51) resizing a display of the graphical widget/icon on the display device to a second size for receiving user input (figure 6, figure 10), wherein the second size is larger than the first size (abstract, lines 1-13, figure 6, figure 10).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 4, 6-8, 13-14, 19, 21-23, and 28-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over KERR et al US Patent NO. 5,227,771 in view of GOUGH et al US Patent No. 5,559,942.

5. Consider claims 4 and 19. KERR et al meet limitations of claims 1 and 16, however, do not expressly teach the method of claims 4 and 19, wherein the graphical widget/icon is a text field for receiving user input. GOUGH et al disclose the means of a text field for receiving user input (figures 2-7b). It would have been obvious to one at the time of the invention to utilize the input text field display means of GOUGH et al with the method and system for incrementally changing window size on a display because both inventions share similar technological areas related to sizing and resizing displays.

6. Consider claims 6-8, 13-14, 21-23, and 28-29. KERR et al meet limitations of claims 1, 10, 16, and 25, however, do not expressly teach the method of claims 6-8, 13-14, 21-23, and 28-29. It would have been obvious to one at the time of the invention to utilize the widget/icon sizing and resizing means with any display device, such as personal digital assistant, laptop, personal computer, and etc., because utilizing the means of a widget/icon sizing and resizing display is not exclusive to a personal digital assistant/hand held display device, laptop, or personal computer, or in fact any other displayable device.

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Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 9, 15, 24, and 30 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. RYLL et al US Patent No. 5,748,067 utilizes a widget resizing apparatus. NAHABOO et al US Patent No. 5,696,914 discloses interactive command objects/widgets.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Razavi, may be reached at (703) 305-4713

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